

# Football Skills Contest Slated

Registration for America's No. 1 boys' sports contest—the annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition—will be held at 137 Southern California Ford dealerships through Oct. 4.

Open to boys 8 to 13 years of age, PP&K pits youths' punting, passing and place-kicking ability according to age group.

The event, now in its eighth year, is sponsored by the Ford Dealers of America and the National Football League.

Since it began in 1961, the program has attracted more than 4,000,000 entrants, including a record 917,000 last year.

Each boy must be accompanied by one parent or a legal guardian. All registrants receive a free PP&K lapel pin and a "tips booklet" containing stories on Billy Lothridge, punter for the Atlanta Falcons; Bart Starr, Green Bay Packers quarterback; Jim Bakken, kicking specialist for the St. Louis Cardinals, and Rams head coach George Allen.

Practice competition will

be held at Los Angeles city elementary and junior high schools beginning Sept. 13.

First round contest will be at participating Ford dealerships or locations designated by them Oct. 12 and 13.

Zone competitions will be the following weekend and district champions will be determined Oct. 26.

Los Angeles district winners will move to area competition Nov. 3 at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Competition will be during halftime of the Los Angeles Ram-Detroit Lion game.

Divisional champions, determined Dec. 14 at St. Louis and Dec. 15 at Atlanta, will compete for national honors at halftime of the NFL Playoff Bowl Jan. 5 at Miami. Contestants will go on a Tour of Champions to Washington, D.C., accompanied by their parents.

PP&K success depends on distance and accuracy, in the three football skills.

Scoring is simple. Judges award one point for each foot the ball travels in the air, and deduct one point for the left or right of a center line. Scoring is the same in all three categories.

When the three figures are totaled, there's as much premium on accuracy as distance.

Complete rules are available at participating Ford dealerships.

# 14 Men Return To LB

Long Beach City College's football team began practice Monday with 91 players turning out for Coach Paul Chafe's 1968 squad.

Only 14 lettermen were among the reportees and many key spots will be taken over by freshmen, especially on defense, where not one starter from last year's team is to be found.

Quarterback Dennis Dummit, who passed for more than 1,200 yards last year is back and has three letterman receivers to look for this year in Rich Wilkes, Denny Mayfield and Dale Didur.

Running back John Merino, the Vikings' leading ground gainer last year with more than 700 yards to his credit, is back to provide the ground punch along with freshmen Thurman Anderson and Ed Giles, a pair of Poly High backs who had outstanding prep careers.

Steve Anderson is back at tackle, along with Bill Meyers and the offensive line looks good from there out. Barney Bungarner and Earl Peterson will beef up the line also, and both may see action both ways. Phil Dunaway is also returning.

Defensive backs Jay Morrison and Jeff Severson add coverage in the secondary while John Courdy is the only experienced linebacker in camp, although letterman John Nicholson will be tried there.

There are also a few squad men, players who did not letter but who were with the team all year, back.

# Nice American Eyes 2 Trophies

Everyone knows that guys like Superman, Batman and Captain Marvel don't hang around for handshakes and rewards after they perpetrate their good deeds.

But those fellas are pikers compared with Mark Donohue, the Captain Nice of American road racing, who stands a good chance of accepting two trophies Sunday at Riverside.

Donohue is going into the \$20,000 Mission Bell Trophy event for Trans-American Sedans at the Raceway with the championship already cinched — by winning nine of the 11 races completed thus far on the 13-race schedule.

That alone would make his bright blue Chevrolet Camaro the favorite for the event which features other 170 mile an hour American-manufactured compact cars like Mustangs, Javelins, Firebirds, Darts and Cougars.



MUSH, YOU HUSKIES! . . . South High's second year football coach Herb Richey urges his Spartans on as they push the seven-man sled in the double-session workouts that will continue until

school begins Sept. 12. South will field a tall, lean team and try to recover some of the scoring impetus lost with the departure of 75 per cent of last year's offense: All-Everything Jeff Wang. (Press-Herald Photo)

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## Prep Football

# South Is Now 'Wang-Less'

(This is the last in a series of six articles describing the football prospects at North, South, West, Torrance, Carson and Bishop Montgomery high schools. Today's story deals with South High's Spartans, who finished fourth in the Bay League last season under head coach Herb Richey.)

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"It will be difficult to replace Jeff Wang," said coach Richey, "as he was almost our whole offense. He could score at will and was a threat every second he was in."

Sour grapes in September is no oddity among high school football coaches when they are questioned

## Rams Slop Past 49ers; Win 21-20

Although it was one of the San Francisco 49ers' best summer efforts here in years, they dropped a 21-20 decision to the opportunistic Rams Friday night at the Coliseum.

It was two games in a 60-minute span. The Rams won the first 30-minute portion, 21-7, the 49ers the second, 13-0.

A Coliseum crowd of 48,143 watched John Brodie, the 33-year-old veteran, complete 24 of 37 passes for 335 yards. McNeil, who was acquired from the Cleveland Browns this week, gained 196 yards on 10 receptions.

Still, the 49ers produced only two touchdowns—a 77-yard Brodie to McNeil bomb in the second quarter and an anti-climatic one-yard plunge by Ken Willard in the final seconds of the game.

The Rams were leading, 21-13, when Willard finished an 89-yard advance for his window-dressing touchdown.

Offensively, the Rams never scored on a sustained drive.

Two of their touchdowns were set up by 49er fumbles and the third score came on a perfectly executed 63-yard touchdown pass play from Roman Gabriel to Bernie Casey.

about players lost to graduation. Even the most talented prep-school gridders has only two or possibly three years as an outstanding and indispensable component in the team unit. After that, the coach must look to the up-and-coming classes for strength.

South High's Spartans — even with Wang — could manage only a fourth-place finish and a 4-4-1 record in the tough Bay League. The addition of West High to the league and the pre-season prospects at Santa Monica and Mira Costa high schools make it difficult to predict a much higher finish in 1968.

However Richey is optimistic about the attitude of his players.

"Everyone has a good attitude; we are going to be respectable, because these guys love to win."

The Spartans will welcome 12 lettermen back to the fold. However, there are only two offensive starters returning. In contrast, Richey has seven of his defensive starters back for another season.

"If we have to name a strong point," he told the Press-Herald, "at this time it would be the defense."

All-League linebacker Eric Langdon and All-League Honorable Mention tackle Dick Yates will lead the defensive unit. Richey calls Yates, "perhaps the

## Football Player Gets His Wish

The San Francisco 49ers traded offensive right tackle Walter Rock to the Washington Redskins Friday for a 1970 draft choice.

Rock, 26, a starter for the 49ers for four seasons, did not report to camp this year and was not carried on the 49ers' roster.

## Denny McClain Wins 28th

Willie Horton crashed a three-run homer and a two-run double which enabled Denny McClain to coast to his 28th victory Friday night as the Detroit Tigers pounded Minnesota, 8-3.

best lineman in the entire area," and picks him as a strong All-CIF candidate.

Other stalwarts will include Greg Whitford, defensive back; Steve Vico, defensive tackle and offensive end; Mike Hernandez, halfback; Paul Wheeler and John Sarpolis, defensive guards; Steve Robertson, a two-way end; Ron McDaniel, defensive end; Dennis Gunner and Roger Stefan, offensive guards, and last year's center, Mike Ragland.

At quarterback will be a fine prospect from last year's Bee team, Sam Robertson, a junior. Also up from Bees are Rob Andrews, a back, and guards Mike Williams and Chris Draper.

Tom Davis, a starting offensive guard on last year's squad, has been moved to fullback with a great deal of success. Richey cites fullback as a position that is deep in talent for the next three years, as Davis' back-up men are junior Bruce Johnson, and sophomore Frank Aralis.

Assisting Richey in his second year as Spartan grid coach will be backfield coach Bert Raische and line coach Steve Dodson. South has 245 boys out for football; that's quite a job.

If the loss of Jeff Wang from South's offense has a good side, it is that South will have a more balanced offense.

If Richey and his staff can achieve this balance, they will surprise some of the top-seeded teams. If not . . .

## Wild Mustangs Win Second Tournament

Torrance's Wild Mustangs, winners of their second straight West Coast Slo-Pitch Tournament, added another victory to this year's accomplishments by winning the S.C.M.A.F. Slo-Pitch Tournament in Gardena.

The Mustangs had to knock off the L.A. Oldtimers, West Coast League champions, in the final game. Pitcher Chuck Schoendienst threw a 3-hit shutout for a 1-0 victory over the Oldtimers.

# Sents Rely on Roston

Inglewood High School began football practice Tuesday with an optimistic outlook and a handful of varsity lettermen.

A squad of 54 players, including nine veterans, are working out at Sentinel Field. Head coach Dave Nakaya's chances of a winning season lie mainly on the development of a returning second-string quarterback who loves to run and pass. Known as a scrambler with a strong arm, Warren Roston is the key to Inglewood's hopes for a winner this fall.

Now in his final year at Inglewood High, Roston is an experienced signal-caller who saw 184 minutes of varsity action last year. Mickey Constable, line coach, compares Roston's style to that of Fran Tarkenton, a professional quarterback who doesn't know what a passing cup is.

Also hoping to add to the Sentinels' offense attack are two backfielders who saw some action last year, Phil Ginnburg and John Gunnell. Ginnburg is being tutored for the fullback slot while Gunnell will see action in either a halfback spot or fullback position.

Another possible starter in the backfield is Roger Shoop, a senior letterman. What position he will play is still undecided, but Nakaya will have him in the backfield line-up when Inglewood scrimmages with Bellflower High School Sept. 13.

Other lettermen on the squad who practice defense in the morning and offense in the afternoon are Jim Armstrong, tight-end; Dave Diener, guard; Jim Boughty, offensive end; Tom Hazell, center; and Steve McGruder, defensive back and offensive wingback.

This will be a rebuilding year for Inglewood High. But with the nine lettermen forming the nucleus of this year's team, the Sentinels could be a threat for the league championship.

That's a goal that the Sentinel fans have set for themselves and will be cheering for this season after a miserable performance last fall in which Inglewood won only three games and finished fifth in the Bay League with a mark of 2-4. The Sentinels' over-all record was 3-6.

And hoping to iron some of last year's problems will be two newcomers to the coaching staff. Roland Rutter, an assistant "B" coach last year, will be in charge of the defensive ends and line-backers. Wallis Blayne, head "C" coach at Inglewood last fall, will manage the defensive line.

## Trojan Huddle Will Air Soon

John McKay, head football coach of the USC Trojans, once again will host the weekly "Trojan Huddle" color sports show, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 15 on KTTV, Channel 11.

Featuring the entire USC football squad and coaching staff, "Trojan Huddle" will interview prospective "greats" and all-time favorites. Action film clips of hallmark runs and passes also will be shown, including the 64 yard winning run of All-American halfback O. J. Simpson during the 1967 USC-UCLA game.

# Quarterback Leads Loyola in Football

At Loyola University 65 football gladiators have been competing for starting positions on the 1968 team since practice began Sept. 1. Some 45 freshmen candidates from high schools in California and seven other states are suited up. These young gridmen are "right in the thick of the dog-fight for all of the team's starting positions," states Coach Jim Brownfield.

Of the 16 returning lettermen from last year's 6-3-0 winning team, only two seem to have a strong chance of retaining their starting berths. Little All-American linebacker, Len Varni, will be a tower of strength this year. Not only did he lead his team in tackling, but he was the squad's leading ground gainer as a fullback.

Back with Varni is last year's freshman sensation Jim Ertman who broke Don Klosterman's first year record of most yards gained in a single season.

Ertman, the clever rollout quarterback will again thrill the Lion fans with his daring play calling, sharp passing and scrambling. The Lions coaching staff calls Ertman "the best all around quarterback in the county."

The Loyola men have been on a triple-practice-session. Next week they will limit their practicing to two sessions per day.

"SINCE the Lions are operating on a non-football-scholarship basis, the turnout of 'big, strong and hostile' candidates has been limited. The effects of a no-scholarship program is felt

most keenly in the interior lines, both offensively and defensively," says Tom Richards, defensive coach.

"Already, the defensive ends and backs have been notified of the possibility of their playing up front in the fall," said Dave Jones and Jim Fazio, the Lions defensive end and backfield coaches, respectively.

Now in its second year of the student sponsored club football program, the Lions will be tackling a tough eight-game schedule beginning with the University of California at Riverside Sept. 28.

Coach Brownfield feels his 1968 squad will be stronger than the winning outfit of last year, however the big question mark comes up over the accelerated schedule.

## Wrestling Offered for Youngsters

Wrestling program for boys in the 6th through 12th grades will be held Sept. 11, 16 and 17 at three Torrance high schools.

In the program sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, the participants will learn the basic fundamentals of wrestling, physical fitness and how to improve their endurance and strength from three high school wrestling coaches.

Teaching at North High will be Bob Janko, who will hold classes on Mondays beginning Sept. 16. Classes instructed by Dave Tolefson will be on Tuesdays at South High beginning on Sept. 17. Andy Harris will coach boys participating in the classes at Torrance High on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 11.

At all the high schools, classes will be at 7 p.m. for beginners and 8 p.m. for intermediates.

There is a registration fee of 50 cents for each school semester. Registration for the fall semester of September through January will be taken at the Joslyn Center, 3335 Tohhanche Blvd.

## Parade Set For Tennis' Billie Jean

A parade through two miles of downtown Long Beach streets Friday will honor Mrs. Billie Jean Moffitt King.

The parade route was announced as details neared completion for a full day of activity honoring the queen of women tennis players. Billie Jean first played the game on Long Beach public courts 13 years ago as a 11-year-old.

Mrs. King, who will be returning to home this week to begin play Sept. 14 in the Pacific Southwest Open Tournament, will be honored guest at a civic luncheon in her honor at the Pacific Coast Club.

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